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## From the PNMC Office



If you are concerned about issues dividing Israel and Palestine and you are ready to think about your role as a Christian in influencing a peaceful resolution, please come to “Conversations for Peace in Palestine and Israel,” a Mennonite Central Committee U.S. event with J. Daryl Byler, a former MCC representative in Palestine, Israel, Iran, Iraq and Jordan. Byler currently serves as executive director for Eastern Mennonite University’s [Center for Justice and Peacemaking](#). “Agreeing on ways to love and encourage peace in the context of the Middle East is a challenge for Christians in the U.S., including MCC supporters, because many have different theological perspectives about the modern-day state of Israel,” Byler said. “As we explore these topics together, I hope our understanding of others’ perspectives and the needs of Palestinians and Israelis will grow.” He has speaking engagements scheduled in Oregon’s Willamette Valley, followed by a day in Seattle. Watch for more details coming soon at [www.pnmc.org](http://www.pnmc.org).

Remember, the Conference Communications Council is **Saturday, January 10, 2015** at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR. Contact [Barb Buxman](#) today to reserve your spot. A delegate and pastor from each congregation should plan to attend.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Drift Creek Camp

DCC is looking to hire new staff, preferably a couple, to live on-site and serve as **Caretakers**. Duties include hosting groups, cleaning, supervising teen volunteers, assisting with food service and maintaining the camp’s buildings, grounds and equipment. This service opportunity includes housing, seasonal meals and a monthly stipend. For a job description and application, contact [info@driftcreek.org](mailto:info@driftcreek.org).

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society (PNMHS) will be held **Saturday, January 31, 2015**, at 12 noon at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. There will be a luncheon and a special speaker. **Everyone is welcome** and PNMHS members are especially urged to attend because we will be voting on the updated by-laws and electing 2015 board members. Stay tuned for more information coming soon. Questions, contact Jerry Barkman at [jbarkman@canby.com](mailto:jbarkman@canby.com) or [503-266-7854](tel:503-266-7854).

### Western Mennonite Church

Have you been considering working with youth? Western Mennonite Church is seeking to hire a .25 FTE youth leader. Contact Kay Nussbaum at [raykay@teleport.com](mailto:raykay@teleport.com) for job description and application.

### Western Mennonite School

Alumni Celebration Day | December 18 | 9:00 a.m.

Join the WMS community to honor two alumni and one individual from the WMS community. Faculty and staff voted to recognize Stephanie Dubbelman '06 (*Young Leader Award*), John Jantzi '51 (*Lifetime Achievement Award*), and Willard Kennel (*Distinguished Service Award*). Please RSVP to the school office, 503-363-2000, if you plan to attend.

### Upcoming choir performances:

Middle School Winter Concert | **December 16** | **7:00 p.m.**, (on campus)

Choirs at the Capitol | **December 17** | **12:00 p.m.**

High School Winter Concert | **December 18** | **7:00 p.m.**, (on campus)

### Zion Mennonite Church

Zion’s annual **Sing Your Own Messiah** is almost here! The gathering will be an unrehearsed selection of choruses and solos from Handel’s oratorio, **Saturday, December 20** at **6:30 pm**. All are welcome to either join in the singing or just listen. There will be a time for fellowship and refreshments afterward. Zion is located at 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, OR.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

#### Leadership Clinics, January 26, 2015

Lay leaders and pastors are invited to day-long Leadership Clinics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on **January 26**:

- **Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?**  
with Loren Johns, AMBS New Testament professor
- **The Word Wore Red: A.K.A The Bible Doesn't Have to be Boring,**  
led by Meghan Good, pastor, Albany (OR) Mennonite Church
- **Participation, Power and Process: Why Polity Matters,**  
led by Willard Metzger, executive director, Mennonite Church Canada; and Janeen Bertsche Johnson, AMBS campus pastor
- **The Lord's Supper Liturgy: Creating a Safe Place for Abuse Survivors and the Wider Church,**  
with Hilary Scarsella, PhD student, Vanderbilt Divinity School; Eleanor Kreider, consultant and practitioner in worship and mission; David B. Miller, AMBS associate professor of missional leadership development

#### AMBS Pastors Week, January 26-29, 2015

Where Culture Blurs Theology: What *is* an Anabaptist Christian? is the theme for the AMBS Pastors Week. Speakers bring different points of view to how we honor all ethnic heritages that are part of the Mennonite Church. Greg Boyd, Drew Hart, Janet Plenert and Elizabeth Soto Albrecht explore what it means to be an Anabaptist today. Learn more: [www.ams.edu/pastorsweek](http://www.ams.edu/pastorsweek).

### Fresno Pacific University

Fresno Pacific and Hesston College are bringing the seventh in a series of Mennonite writing conferences in the U.S. and Canada to the West Coast for the first time. [Mennonite/s Writing VII, Movement, Transformation, Place](#), will be held at FPU **Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15, 2015**. The program includes readings, scholarly paper presentations, panels, writing workshops, performances, story-telling, book-signings, excursions, open microphone, conversations and feasting. Keynote speakers include Philip Levine, David Masumoto and Robert Zacharias. The planning committee includes: *Kristen Eve Beachy, Eastern Mennonite University; Hildi Froese Tiessen, Conrad Grebel University; Jeff Gundy, Bluffton University; Ann Hostetter, Goshen College; Jean Janzen, Hope Nisly and Fran Martens Friesen, Fresno Pacific University; Karen Sheriff LeVan, Hesston College, and Julia Spicher Kasdorf, Pennsylvania State University.*

### Mennonite Central Committee

A newly released Sunday school curriculum invites **pacifists and veterans to walk with one another** on a common journey toward peace. *Returning Veterans, Returning Hope: Seeking Peace Together* is a six-week series designed to assist congregations to think theologically and practically about war's trauma, healing from trauma and Jesus' way of peace. The curriculum is written by Mennonite peace leaders Jason Boone and Titus Peachey and Iraq War veteran Evan Knappenberger, a student at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA. Boone is coordinating minister of the Peace and Justice Support Network, a partnership between Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Mission Network, and Peachey is peace education coordinator at Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Follow this link at [Mennonite World Review](#), to understand some of the issues that Peachey and Boone grappled with in developing the curriculum.

### Mennonite Mission Network

Check out the [Anabaptist Witness](#) blog; a forum to foster discussion and share ideas from different corners of the Anabaptist world. It is regularly updated with short reflection pieces, reactions to articles, comments on current events relating to mission, and more.

### Mennonite Church USA

The December edition of *Equipping* is available [here](#).

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 5 (submissions due by 12/29)  
Jan 19 (submissions due by 1/12)  
Feb 2 (submissions due by 1/26)  
Feb 16 (submissions due by 2/9)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto:brenda@pnmc.org). Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise. *We welcome your feedback!*

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